

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 240

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to commend Dan T. Bryant for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dan T. Bryant is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant served with distinction for sixteen years as the elected public defender for the 31st Judicial District serving Van Buren and Warren counties; and

WHEREAS, Dan T. Bryant was born August 28, 1948, in Van Buren County, and graduated from McMinnville Central High School in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant received his Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; received a master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1975; and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Nashville School of Law in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Dan T. Bryant was a classroom teacher at Irving College Elementary School and Warren County Junior High School from 1971 to 1984, during which time he also served as an elementary basketball coach and a high school golf coach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant practiced law as a private attorney from 1984 to 1988, and he was admitted to practice law in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee in 1987 and the United States Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit in 1988, and he served as McMinnville city judge from 1989 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Dan T. Bryant was elected by the citizens of the 31st Judicial District to the position of district public defender and was reelected to that position in 2006; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a leader by his peers and colleagues, Mr. Bryant served on various committees of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, including the executive committee; and

WHEREAS, Dan T. Bryant has been a member of the McMinnville Bar Association since 1984, served as president of the association in 2005, and is a member of the Rotary Club of McMinnville, having served as president from 2012 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant has also worked with and inspired youth in his community by coaching youth soccer and youth Jaycees basketball; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Mr. Bryant is most thankful for the love and affection of his family: wife Betsey Wagoner Bryant, and children Travis and Brittany; and

WHEREAS, throughout his notable career, Dan T. Bryant has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dan T. Bryant for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as district public defender for the 31st Judicial District and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.